



Viaduct Replacement Project construction to affect entering and exiting Colman Dock beginning this spring

Starting this May, SR 99 Tunnel Project construction on Alaskan Way will change the way drivers get to and from Colman Dock in Seattle. These changes will remain in effect for at least two years. We'll keep ferry traffic moving by relocating the overflow ferry traffic holding lanes closer to the Seattle Ferry Terminal entrance and detouring Alaskan Way traffic under the viaduct south of Spring Street. To learn more about the SR 99 Tunnel Project, visit www.AlaskanWayViaduct.org.

We encourage ferry commuters to consider the following suggestions to help alleviate the stress of commuting during construction:

- **Walk-on:** The Marion Street pedestrian overpass will not be impacted by the construction.
- **Bike-on:** Bicyclists, who arrive in time, always get loaded onto their ferry of choice. Regular bike commuters now get to take their bikes on free of charge. New bike lanes will make entering Colman Dock easier.
- **Vanpool:** Commuters can join a vanpool and leave the driving to someone else or start a new vanpool. Vanpool members, with WSF Vanpool Permit, do not pay for the vehicle if they have five or more riders. Vanpools register for reserved sailings going to and from work, arrive at the terminal 10 minutes in advance of those sailings and are guaranteed a space on the sailing. With the construction, vanpools and carpools will have a designated left lane at Yesler Way to assist in gaining access to the terminal. Check www.rideshareonline.com to find a vanpool with space available or contact your local transit agency.
- **Carpool:** Commuters can form a carpool with just three people including the driver. Carpoolers pay all the applicable fares but can enter Colman Dock through the designated left lane at Yesler Way during the construction. Carpools also register for reserved sailings going to and from work, arrive at the terminal 10 minutes in advance and will be guaranteed space on the specific sailing. Check www.rideshareonline.com to find potential riders.
- **Commute during non-peak times:** We know that Fridays in July and August can be difficult, even without construction. If you can avoid traveling from 3-6 p.m. on Fridays during this busiest part of the summer season, you may avoid the worst of the congestion.
- **You have three ways to enter our new holding lanes on Alaskan Way.** You can arrive from the south but will need to bypass the normal left turn lane at Yesler Way unless you are a pre-authorized vehicle. From the north you can enter the new holding lanes from Alaskan Way. From the east, you can enter from Madison Street.
- **If you need to have someone drop you off or pick you up around Colman Dock,** we suggest finding a place to meet away from the terminal to avoid the traffic issues.
- **Know before you go:** We encourage commuters to study their options. Check the website before you head to the terminal. We will try to have as much real-time information as we can.

What we are doing to help:

- Vehicles will now be able to exit the terminal at Yesler Way and head east to I-5/1-90, or south as they currently do today.
- We are working with our transit partners to ensure dependable transit connections.
- During busy times, we plan to have traffic control officers at key points along Alaskan Way.
- We are asking vehicles to queue closer to each other so we can make the most efficient use of our dock space and get more vehicles off the street.
- We are reviewing our afternoon schedules for both Bainbridge and Bremerton to help alleviate congestion caused by two ferries offloading vehicles at the same time.

